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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Robert J. Winchester, et al.
Serial No. : 09/500,746 Examiner: R. Schwadron
Filed : February 9, 2000 Group Art Unit: 1644
For : USE OF INHIBITORS OF THE ACTIVATION OF CXCR4
RECEPTOR BY SDF-1 IN TREATING RHEUMATOID
ARTHRITIS

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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

On May 5, 2003, a Final Office Action was issued in connection with the subject application. On August 5, 2003, applicants filed an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action. A Notice of Appeal was originally due August 5, 2003.

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing the Notice of Appeal from August 5, 2003 to November 5, 2003. The required fee for a three-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$475.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. A Notice of Appeal is now due November 5, 2003. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today and the Notice of Appeal being filed concurrently herewith is timely filed.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$475.00 extension of time fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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